



Term 1, Week 5 Friday 3rd
March 2023

Important Dates

Adelaide Cup Public
Holiday
Monday 13 March

Parent Teacher
Conversations
Week
Monday 20 March

SACPSSA Swimming
Thursday 30 March

Sports Day
Friday 31 March

Good Friday
Friday 7 April

Easter Monday
Monday 10 April

Last day of Term 1
- 3pm finish
Thursday 13 April



Reminder:

Please pick up your child/children before 3.20pm.

If they are not picked up they will be sent to OSHC.

If they are not registered for OSHC you will be charged \$1 per minute.

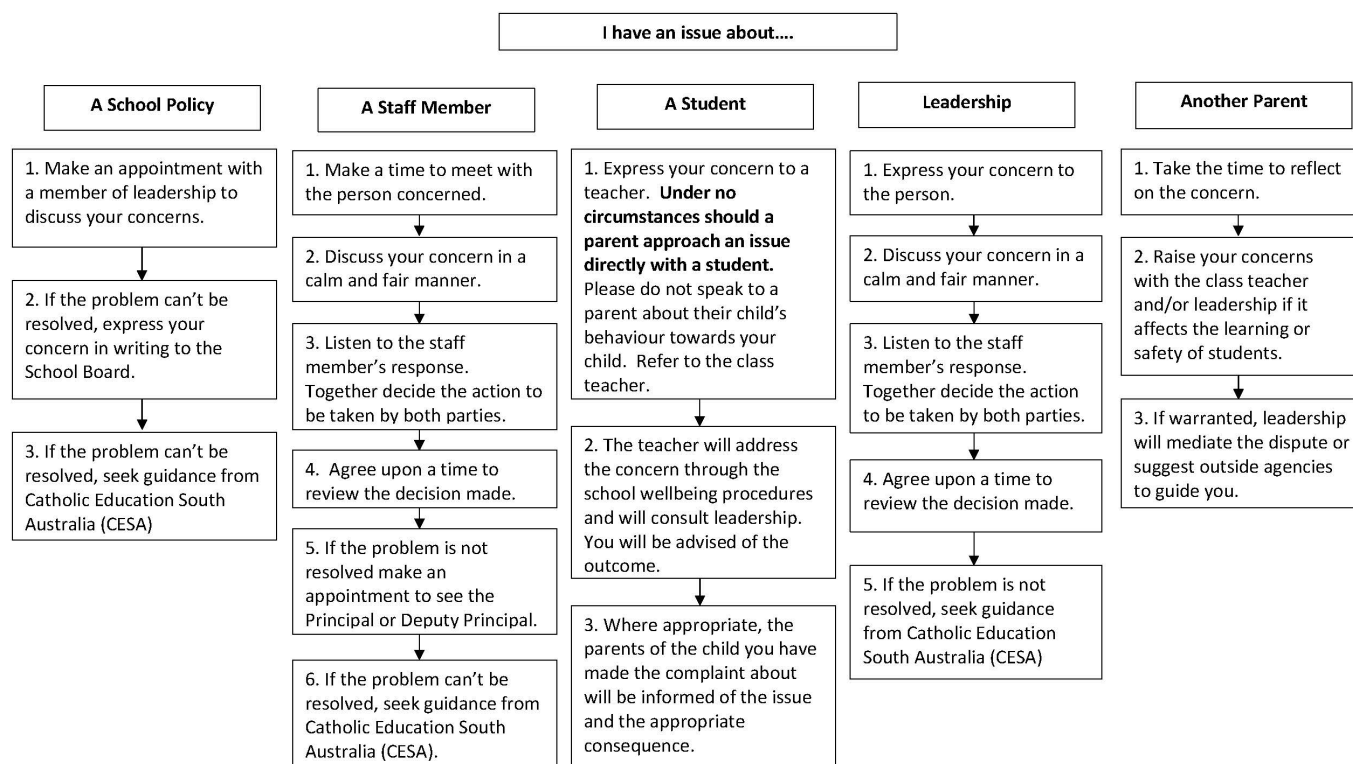
This charge is to cover the cost of employing a staff member to supervise your child.

From our Principal



Positive Resolution Procedure

At St Margaret Mary's School we believe we need to communicate clearly that issues or concerns are to be resolved in respectful and appropriate ways. It is important that grievances are kept confidential and that a time of reflection takes place. Verbal and non-verbal communication should be respectful and uphold the dignity of all involved.



Student Free Day and Vacation Care

We are very excited that our new playground work will finally be commencing! The hard play area will be removed and re-laid during the April holidays. As this will be major ground works that will impact access to outdoor play space, we have needed to make some changes to Vacation Care. All this information is outlined in the letter sent home this week in hard copy and on SeeSaw.

We also need an additional Student Free Day (Friday 14th April, final day of the term) to allow materials to be delivered.

I thank you for your understanding. Our new play space will be amazing and the only way we can do this major work in a safe and timely matter is to make these changes.

Parent Partnerships

At St Margaret Mary's School, we understand the vital role parents/carers play as the first educators of children. We aim to always work in partnership for your child's learning and wellbeing. SeeSaw is our primary tool for communication. If you are having trouble accessing this, please come and see Angela in the office.

Other important events to put in your diary:

Parent/Teacher Conversations – 20-24th March at various times. Booking information will come soon. We aim for 100% attendance at these very important meetings to discuss your child.

R- 2 Literacy – *How to build your child's literacy.* 9am or 6pm on Wednesday 5th April. This session will outline our Early Years Literacy Program and how we can support parent/carers in developing literacy at home.

Gifted and Talented – Parents of students who are participating in the first intake of our Gifted and Talented program will be invited to a parent session in the coming weeks.

St Margaret Mary's School and Preschool have a Positive Resolution Procedure that outlines the path of communication, if you have any concerns regarding St Margaret Mary's School or Preschool. We always encourage parents/carers to contact us early so we can resolve any concerns in a timely manner.

The full procedure can be found above.

School Board and Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 22nd March 2023

6.30pm St Margaret Mary's School

Our AGM will be a 'paper AGM'. The reports will be made available to the community prior to this meeting, and I welcome any questions or queries.

We are calling for nominations for the school board.

The school board does not require a huge commitment, it is 2 meetings each school term (6.30-8pm, on a Wednesday evening). The school board is important in shaping policy and future direction of the school. It is a vital part of parent voice and is a great chance to meet other parents, offer ideas and discuss school planning. You do not require any particular experience other than an interest in the strategic direction of our school.

Please give me a call (or catch a staff member in the yard) if you'd like to discuss.

An expression of interest for nomination can be made via email to info@smms.catholic.edu.au

There is also some information about school boards at <https://www.schoolboards.cesa.catholic.edu.au/recruitment/for-parents/joining-a-board>

News from Ms Boylan



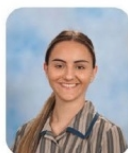
JESSICA HO (94.90)
2022 College Dux
*Bachelor of Criminology/Bachelor of Laws,
Adelaide University*



MADISON WELLS (93.95)
*Bachelor of Occupational Therapy (Hons),
Adelaide University*



KUSHAAN JAGASIA (92.75)
*Bachelor of Engineering (Elec) (Hons)/
Master of Engineering (Mechanical),
Flinders University*



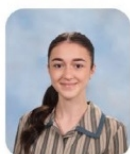
VINKA STANISIC (92.70)
*Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Hons),
Adelaide University*



AIMY LIEU (91.90)
*Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Hons),
Adelaide University*



ETHAN AVINA (91.40)
*Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)/Bachelor
of Science, Adelaide University*



AMINA KADRIJA (91.05)
*Bachelor of Pharmacy (Hons),
University of South Australia*



RYAN LE (90.85)
*Bachelor of Teaching (Secondary)/Bachelor
of Arts, Adelaide University*

I am very proud to be able to share news of some of our past students who recently completed Year 12.

Congratulations to Sunny Ly, who graduated from St Margaret Mary's School in 2017. Sonny received an ATAR of 99.05 and was Christian Brothers College's Vice-Captain of Excellence and College proxime accessit for 2022.

Cyril Vincent also attended Christian Brothers College after SMMS. He received an ATAR of 97.9. Christian Brothers College is very proud of their achievements and so are we!

Please take the time to have a look at the latest [Mount Carmel College newsletter](#). We are very proud to note that Jessica Ho was DUX of the college and received an ATAR of 94.9. Other past students who were amongst the Highest Achievers for 2022 included Aimy Lieu and Ryan Le. Please let us know if you spot any other of our past students amongst Mount Carmel College's highest achievers!

We also had the very lovely opportunity to have two of our past students here as relief teachers! Vy Ly and Joseph Fuda returned to take different classes across the school this week. Joseph will also be taking 5/6GG in a few weeks while Mr Graham is on leave. We look forward to seeing more of them both throughout the year!





Dear Parents and Caregivers,

At our first class assembly for 2023, we acknowledged our Semester 1 Student Leadership Team (SLT) with a round of applause. Congratulations to the following 'leaders of service':

Primary Years Team:

- 5/6GG Mai-Ly and Nam
- 5/6LC Markus and John
- 5/6LO Jessie and Ky
- 3/4CM Rosalie and Thomas
- 3/4JM Alessandra and Kenzi
- 3/4KR Jayne Louiz and Arin

Early Years Team:

- 2KB Victoria and Jaikrish
- 2NW Mia and Yoni
- 1AV Niviya and Cloud
- 1OV Ivy and Titus
- RML Valeria and Fikadu
- RRB Finley and George

Sacrament of Reconciliation Workshop

All St Margaret Mary's School, students currently preparing for their First Reconciliation will attend a student workshop on Thursday 9 March, from 9:00am to 11:00am in the Parish Hall.

We encourage all students to bring along their Reconciliation activity booklets. Following the recess break the students will return to their respective classrooms to continue their school day.

As this is within school hours and onsite in our Parish Hall, there is no electronic permission slip required for students to participate. If you have any questions regarding the student workshop please feel free to send an email matthew.harrison@smms.catholic.edu.au

First Reconciliation Dates

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation ceremonies will be held at St Margaret Mary's Church on, Saturday 18 March and Saturday 25 March from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Project Compassion

The theme of Project Compassion in 2023 is 'For All Future Generations' and reminds us that the good we do today extends to impact the lives of generations to come. It invites us to make the world a better place by working together now and finding long-term solutions to global issues.

Over the coming weeks, our students will be learning how they can join together in solidarity with schools all over Australia to show 'compassion in action' this Lent through prayer, fasting and almsgiving in support of Project Compassion.

Last week we provided a Project Compassion (PC) donation box to the eldest student in each family. As a family, we ask you to hold onto the PC Box until the end of term. As a family, you may like to visit the www.caritas.org.au/project-compassion site.

Later in the term we will advertise a 'special day' inviting students to bring in a gold coin donation or their Project Compassion donation box as we raise awareness of how St Margaret Mary's collective fundraising assists Caritas Australia's Project Compassion to empower change, 'For all future generations.'

Have a good weekend everyone.

Learning in Reception at St Margaret Mary's School



I love Reception because:

I get to write. Yugan

It is cool and exciting. Taylor and Akuen

I get to hang out! Ante

It is the best, you get to learn things and play with things. Saba

I get to play in the home corner. Lila and Finley

School is special for you to learn, you get to study when you learn. Adele

You get to play and learn. Scotti

I love playing outside on the slide. Alexander

You get to draw in your Art Journal. George

George is my best friend. Mason

I like all the food that my mummy and daddy give to me! Zhen Hui



Angolo Italiano

Year 3/4 & 5/6 Students are currently exploring and learning about the history and tradition of Carnevale in Italy . It's a wonderful time of celebration before the Lenten season begins. The most fun and exciting element of Carnevale celebrations is dressing up in masks and costumes for the day.

Gina Armiento

Italian Teacher



Basketball



Mrs Brown has organised 3 teams for St Margaret Mary's School in the St Clair basketball competition after school. Thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who coach and team manage our teams.

Click here to find fixtures and results:

https://websites.mygameday.app/assoc_page.cgi?c=0-12630-0-0-0&a=COMP





We are so happy to announce that Mrs Pennie Blazely has been granted Australian Citizenship this year. Here she is at her Citizenship Ceremony in January.

Please keep us updated with any changes to visa or citizenship status of our students as we need to keep our files up to date.

School Times & Term Dates

Front Office: 8.30am - 3.45pm

Student Supervision: 8.30am - 3.20pm

Classes: 8.45am - 3.00pm

Term 1: Monday 30 January to Friday 14 April;

Term 2: Monday 1 May to Friday 7 July;

Term 3: Monday 24 July to Friday 29 September;

Term 4: Monday 16 October to Friday 15 December

Preschool Times



Group 1: Monday & Tuesday 8.45am - 2.45pm;

Wednesday 8.45am - 11.45am

Occasional Care: Wednesday 9-12 (bookings required)

Group 2: Wednesday 12.15pm-3.15pm;

Thursday & Friday 8.45am - 2.45pm

Crossing Monitors



Thank you to these students who have volunteered to be crossing monitors:

Week 5 - Elena, Jessie, Rebecca

Week 6 - Chloe, Wynter, Nam

Week 7 - Justina, Jayla, Jasmin

Uniform Shop Times



Tuesday: 2.30pm - 3.30pm;
Friday: 8.30am - 10.00am

OSHC Hours



Morning: 6.30am - 8.30am;
Afternoon: 3.00pm - 6.15pm
Phone Camp Australia: 1300 105 343

[Read More](#)

Student Absences

Student Absences/ Late Arrivals

When a student is absent or going to be late, parents should notify the school by 9am on that day by texting the Absentee Line on 0407 682 137, emailing absent@smms.catholic.edu.au or phoning (08) 8245 5855.

You will need to state the following:

Name of Child;

Year Level;

Reason for Absence (if late, approximately what time your child will arrive)

Phone: 8245 5855 (answering service - call anytime)

Email: absent@smms.catholic.edu.au

SMS: 0407 682 137

Croydon Park Catholic Parish

Parish Priest: Fr Charles Lukati

Ph: 8346 0944

Happy Birthday!

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We wish the following students who celebrate a birthday in March a very happy and blessed birthday:

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| Gurmehar | 1VC |
| Siddharth | PRE2 |
| Reeshi | 5/6LC |
| Parteet | 3/4KR |
| Nhi | 2KB |
| Marcus | 3/4MC |
| Miller | 1OV |
| Haz | 3/4KR |
| Khris | 3/4JM |
| Ianika | 2KB |
| Giulietta | PRE2 |
| Ryder | PRE2 |
| Poppi | 3/4MC |
| Jenni | 3/4MC |
| Zac | 1VC |
| Akshaj | 1VC |
| Lachlan | 2KB |
| Vivaan | PRE1 |
| Homa | 5/6LO |
| Kara | 5/6LO |
| Adele | RRB |
| Mika | 2NW |
| Oscar | 2NW |
| Eliana | 1OV |
| Emily | 1OV |
| Markus | 5/6LC |
| Sarah | 2NW |
| Alana | PRE1 |
| Shan | 1OV |
| Niya Elsa | RML |
| Ariana | 2NW |
| Lucian | PRE1 |
| Nam | 5/6GG |
| Chantelle | 2NW |

Newsletter



Date St Margaret Mary's 27th February 2023



Hi Everyone

HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

(March 20-24, 2023)



Last week we focused on Recycling, using plastics, paper, cardboard, boxes, glass, and pegs. By improving our recycling habits, we can help keep the environment clean and preserve our natural resources.

This week we have programmed Creative Week, the children chose activities to use their imaginations, expand on their curiosity and work collaboratively with others. The program is packed with dancing, painting, cooking, playdough creations, science experiments, slime, dress up's and building challenges.

Next week we have an amazing week filled with lots of sporting activities. The children can enjoy the outdoors and compete in team games, taking responsibility for their own health and wellbeing.

WEEK 6

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| Monday | Relay Races, Bean Bag Toss, Wii Dance, Handball Practice |
| Tuesday | Hurdles, Tug a War, Handball Practice |
| Wednesday | Long Jump, Obstacle Course |
| Thursday | Asian Cold Rolls, Tunnel Ball, Handball Practice |
| Friday | Colorful Pom Poms, Handball Practice, Pop Corn & Movie |



Please phone Camp Australia 1300-105-343 for bookings, rebates will apply.

To find out more about the program, view fees and to register, visit.

www.campaustralia.com.au Keep Smiling 😊 Louise & Jenny



Your OSHC.

To register and book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au



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Wednesday 15 March

3:00pm - 7:00pm

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